

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF STEEL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH MISSION

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Steel Development Research Mission in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of said mission; and
- (c) the role and contribution of various steel producers of the country in the said mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a)to(c): In a Brain Storming Session held in Ministry of Steel on 30.5.2007, it was decided, in consultations with the experts & major steel producers that a concerted effort is needed to take up R&D in iron & steel sector for the benefit of Indian steel industry. To pursue the objective, one of the decisions was that Steel Research Development Mission (SRDM), a virtual center which was conceived earlier, may be revived with one time direct contribution @ Rs.20-25 per tonne of installed capacity from the main/major steel producers having capacity of one million tonnes per annum and above. The contributing firms can become the members of the Governing Council of SRDM.